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| Application of: | Yguerabide <i>et al.</i>                  | Confirmation No.:    | 5423          |
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| For:            | ANALYTE ASSAY USING<br>PARTICULATE LABELS | Attorney Docket No.: | 11032-020-999 |

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115 AND PROVISIONAL  
ELECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.143 WITH TRAVERSE**

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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated October 6, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application and in accordance with Rule 115 of the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. Applicants submit herewith: 1) Amendment Fee Transmittal (in duplicate) accompanied by the appropriate fee; and 2) Petition for Extension of Time (in duplicate) for a period of four (4) months, from November 6, 2003, up to and including March 8, 2004, accompanied by the appropriate fee.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are represented by the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.